| Financial Performance (In Rs. Crores) | 1992-93 | 1993-94 | 1994-94 (Prov.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| —Total Sales | 313.90 | 416.69 | 369.34 |
| —Gross Margin | 103.66 | 111.61 | 97.66 |
| -J^Jet Profit | 100.15 | 94.87 | 63.56 |

(b) Yes, Sir. The international iron ore market has traditionally been a Buyers' market during the last two decades. As per the prevailing practice in the trade, prices are determined between major suppliers and the major buyers on annual basis. Long term Contracts concluded between buyers and sellers, therefore, do not make the seller immune from price fluctuations in the world market.

(c) Yes, Sir.

**Special Livestock Development Programme in Bihar**

1352. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any special Central Scheme on Special Livestock Development Programme has recently been taken up in the State of Bihar for generating self employment amongst the rural youth of the State; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**States affected by floods**

1353. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the States which were affected by floods and heavy rains in the recent weeks;

(b) the extent of losses caused to human lives, standing crops and other properties in the affected areas;

(c) the details of relief operations undertaken in the affected areas; and

(d) the Central assistance provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) According to the information received from the State Governments, parts of the States of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Punjab, Tripura and West Bengal have been affected by heavy rains and floods during the current South west Monsoon.

(b) According to preliminary estimates, the floods have so far claimed 266 human lives, affected a crop area of 3.06 lakh hectares and damaged 48,155 houses.

(c) The relief measures undertaken by the concerned State Governments include evacuation of people to safer places, distribution of essential materials, operation of relief camps and health centres, distribution of gratuitous relief etc.

(d) Two instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund for 1995-96 .have been released to all the affected States. The funds released are as under:—

| s. No. | State | Amounts (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Assam | 17.70 |
| *2.* | Bihar | 18.39 |
| 3; | Gujarat | 49.41 |
| 4. | Himachal Pradesh | 9.54 |
| 5, | Jammu & Kashmir | 6.97 |
| 6 | Kerala | 19.61 |
| ?. | Madhya Pradesh | 18.08 |
| 8, | Meghalaya | 0.98 |
| 9. | Punjab | 19.16 |
| 10. | Tripura | 1.59 |
| 11. | West Bengal | 18.16 |